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In re Application of :  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced Application, please amend  
the Application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, after the Title, insert the following paragraph:

--Reference to Related Application

This Application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/FI00/00105,  
whose international filing date is FEBRUARY 14, 2000, which in turn claims the benefit of  
FINLAND Application No. 990334, filed FEBRUARY 17, 1999, the disclosures of which  
Applications are incorporated by reference herein. The benefit of the filing and priority  
dates of the International and FINLAND Applications is respectfully requested.--

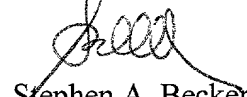
The amendment to Page 1 is attached in Appendix A.

## REMARKS

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

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## APPENDIX A

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